

DISCUSSION DRAFT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10-XXX

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMATION

WHEREAS, information technology is a foundation of state government efficiency, responsiveness, and security;

WHEREAS, thorough understanding of state information technology expenditures and accountability for those expenditures is a prerequisite for effective operations;

WHEREAS, significant cost savings are possible through consolidation and streamlining;

WHEREAS, Governor's Directive 09-02 began the process of identifying and implementing shared service approaches to reforming state government;

WHEREAS, increasing the understanding and efficiency of information technology investments must be accomplished while maintaining high quality public services;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, order as follows:

1. The Director of the Department of Information Services shall henceforth be the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the State of Washington, serving as the enterprise-wide lead executive for the transformation described in this Executive Order. The Chief Information Officer shall create an Office of the CIO to support an enterprise-wide approach to information technology strategy, applications, accounting, and performance measurement.
2. The CIO shall ensure that Cabinet Directors and their agencies are represented in decision making and that the missions of state agencies are adequately reflected in outcomes. The Executive Steering Committee that was created to oversee data center consolidation and IT transformation shall be the primary vehicle for those efforts.
3. The Information Technology assets of Executive Branch agencies, including equipment, staff, and related budgets, shall be approved by and subject to the authority of the Chief Information Officer. The Office of Financial Management, in coordination with the CIO, shall develop instructions, reporting methods, and budget submissions to advance the consolidation and increased efficiency of IT efforts for Fiscal Years 2011-13 and beyond.
4. The Chief Information Officer shall identify opportunities to consolidate resources, reduce costs, and streamline information technology services while maintaining agency-specific applications and staffing appropriate to the missions of individual agencies and their programs.
5. The Director of the Office of Financial Management and the Chief Information Officer shall review the current cost recovery strategy and rates related to funding information technology

services. New approaches shall be developed consistent with the shared services model of information technology, the need to reduce the cost of information technology, and the need to improve the transparency of accounting for these costs.

6. The Chief Information Officer shall pursue the consolidation and efficiencies highlighted in this Executive Order to the extent possible under existing statutes. At the same time, the Chief Information Officer shall review existing statutes and committees to identify opportunities for further efficiencies and improvements, offering recommendations for legislative changes by December 1, 2010.

7. The Chief Information Officer shall develop enterprise-wide performance measures, shall collect those measures, and shall make those measures available to the public in “plain talk” form. The Chief Information Officer shall incorporate these enterprise-wide performance measures into the on-going Government Management Accountability and Performance process.